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In re Application of Howard Wan, et al. Application No. 08/853,035 Filed: May 2, 1997 Attorney Docket No. 96-8-101

**ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition filed June 2, 1999, which, for reasons indicated below, is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the instant application.

The petition is granted.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action mailed Januray 27, 1998. However the holding of abandonment was improper since the Office received, on March 27, 1998, a Declaration, and authorization to charge necessary processing fees. Unfortunately, these papers were not associated with the file until after the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment. Since the response was timely filed, the holding of abandonment has been withdrawn and the application restored to pending status.

In view of the above it is clear that you have complied with all of the requirements for the filing of this application; therefore, a filing receipt will be issued promptly.

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